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State Takes Immediate Actions to Respond to Bay Area Freeway Collapse

Since this morning's early freeway collapse of I-580 at the MacArthur Maze, the state has taken immediate actions to minimize the upcoming difficulties for Bay Area commuters.

Gov. Schwarzenegger directed the state to use every available resource to reduce the incident's impact on the Bay Area," said Dale E. Bonner, secretary of the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency which oversees the Department of Transportation and the California Highway Patrol. "Caltrans Director Will Kempton and CHP Commissioner Mike Brown have been on the scene since this morning to help manage the traffic situation and expedite repairs on the freeway.

Steps taken by the state to immediately manage today's roadway collapse include:

- Caltrans structural engineers have been on site since early this morning, assessing damage and formulating repair designs.
- Caltrans has already hired a contractor for debris removal. The contractor is already on site and work is expected to start soon.
- CHP has dispatched a Multidisciplinary Accident Investigation Team to conduct in-depth investigations and analyses of major traffic incident.
- CHP has sent an airplane to fly over the site to provide video downlink to its Traffic Management Centers so traffic flow can be monitored and managed.
- CHP will have extra patrols/assets in the area over the next few days to assist with traffic control.
- The Highway Patrol has established an on scene incident command and is diverting traffic.
- The state will reimburse local transit authorities (including BART, AC Transit and ferry operators) for the cost of providing free public transit services for San Francisco Bay Area commuters for Monday, April 30, 2007.
- Caltrans, the California Highway Patrol and local officials have worked to establish alternate routes. A table of alternate routes is below.

From San Francisco to Hayward

- Eastbound I-80 to South bound I-880

From San Francisco to Walnut Creek

- E/B I-80 and exit West Grand
- Left on NorthGate Street
- Enter on ramp to Eastbound I-580 towards SR-24
- Take E/B SR-24 to Interstate 680

From San Francisco to Sacramento

- Eastbound I-80 to Sacramento (no detour)

From San Francisco to East Bay

- S/B US-101 to E/B SR-92
- SR-92 to Interstate I-880 North or South bound

From San Francisco to East Bay (2nd alternate)

- S/B US-101 to E/B SR-84
- SR-84 E/B to Interstate I-880 North or South bound

From San Francisco to East Bay (3rd alternate)

- N/B US-101 to Richmond/San Rafael Bridge Eastbound (I-580)
- Westbound Richmond/San Rafael Bridge (I-580) to Interstate 80 West Bound

From Richmond to San Jose

- W/B 80 to E/B I-580
- From E/B I-580 to W/B 980
- W/B 980 to S/B I-880

From Richmond to San Francisco

- W/B I-80 to San Francisco Bay Bridge (no detours)

San Francisco to East Bay

- E/B I-80 and exit Albany/Buchanon ramp.
- Turn left under the freeway
- Left onto W/B 80
- Take W/B 80 to E/B I-580

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